

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Motor driven tool, ~~such as a pole hedge trimmer, a pole saw or the like~~ comprising a drive unit (11) that via a shaft tube (12) enclosing a drive shaft and being provided with a handle (16), is connected to a cutting unit (13) which is turnably secured to the shaft tube, characterized in that the turnable connection is under the influence of a locking mechanism (L) which from the normal working position of the operator can be released by means of a control means (M) arranged at a distance from the locking mechanism (L) and close to the handle (16), further characterized in that the control means (M) comprises a rotatable member turnably supported at the shaft tube and connected to a rod (21,42,50) by a gear transmission (18, 19), rotation of the rotatable member causing the rod (21,42,50), via the gear transmission (18, 19), to translate relative to the shaft tube in an axial direction, translation of the rod (21,42,50) acting upon the locking mechanism (L) to selectively create a braking force against outer forces that influence the cutting unit (13).
2. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim 1 characterized in that the locking mechanism (L) is connected to [[a]] the rod (21,42,50) which is mainly parallel to the shaft tube and by means of which a turning or forward/backwards movement is transferred from the control means (M) to a locking means being a part of the locking mechanism (L) ~~possibly~~ via [[a]] the gear transmission.
3. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim 2 characterized in that the locking mechanism (L) comprises a brake mechanism which by means of a force creating means (34,48,62) in the non locked position of the cutting unit (13) creates [[a]] the braking force against outer forces that influences the cutting unit.

4. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim 2 characterized in that the control means (M) comprises a turnable sleeve (17) surrounding the shaft tube ~~or a lever (39) turnably arranged at the shaft tube~~ and being directly or indirectly connected to the rod (21,42,50).
5. (Previously Presented) Tool according to claim 1 characterized in that the locking mechanism (L) comprises a clamp means.
6. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim 5 characterized in that the clamp means completely or partly surrounds a shaft portion of the cutting unit around which the cutting unit is turnable.
7. (Withdrawn) Tool according to claim 6 characterized in that the clamp means comprises a clamp ring (30) having two shoulders (29,31) or the like being under the influence of a spring loaded screw connection (32) one of the shoulders (29) being movable towards the other shoulder (31) by means of a lever (25) arranged to be acted on by the control means (M) via a turning rod (23).
8. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim 6 characterized in that the clamp means comprises a bearing housing (45) taking up said shaft portion of the cutting unit and enclosing a brake pad (47) which is acted on by a turning rod (42) in order to lock the shaft portion of the cutting unit in the bearing housing, the brake pad being under the influence of a spring means (48).
9. (Currently Amended) Tool according to claim ~~7~~ 8 characterized in that the spring characteristics of the spring means (48) is adjustable by means of a sleeve (44) which is threaded into the bearing housing (45) and having a through, threaded opening (43) through which the turning rod (42) extends and abuts the brake pad (47).

10. (Withdrawn) Tool according to claim 6 characterized in that the clamp means comprises a clamp ring (57) enclosing the shaft and having two shoulders (55,56) which are partly surrounded by a U-shaped clamp shoe (54) having one leg (52) with a through opening (51) through which a threaded turning rod (50) is inserted the opening being coaxial with a through opening (59,60) in each shoulder (55,56) and receiving to a spring loaded screw (60) arranged to be influenced by the other leg (53) the end of the screw (60) normally abutting the end of the turning rod (50).

11. (New) Tool according to claim 2 characterized in that the control means (M) comprises a lever (39) turnably arranged at the shaft tube and being directly or indirectly connected to the rod (21,42,50).

12. (New) Tool according to claim 1 characterized in that rotatable member of the control means (M) is adapted to rotate in a first direction and a second direction generally opposite the first direction, rotation of the rotatable member in the first direction causing an increase in the braking force, and rotation of the rotatable member in the second direction causing a decrease in the braking force.

13. (New) Motor driven tool, comprising a drive unit (11) that via a shaft tube (12) enclosing a drive shaft and being provided with a handle (16), is connected to a cutting unit (13) which is turnably secured to the shaft tube, characterized in that the turnable connection is under the influence of a locking mechanism (L) which from the normal working position of the operator can be released by means of a control means (M) arranged at a distance from the locking mechanism (L) and close to the handle (16), the locking mechanism (L) comprising a clamp means that completely or partly surrounds a portion of the cutting unit around which the cutting unit is turnable, the clamp means further comprising a bearing housing (45) taking up said portion of the cutting unit and enclosing a brake pad (47) which is acted on by a turning rod (42) in order to lock the portion of the cutting unit in the bearing housing, the brake pad being under the influence of a spring means (48), the spring characteristics of the spring means (48)

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being adjustable by means of a sleeve (44) which is threaded into the bearing housing (45) and having a through, threaded opening (43) through which the turning rod (42) extends and abuts the brake pad (47).